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For your information. See below for two meetings regarding the Upper Animas River Watershed.

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Hello, Rose.

We have not met, yet, but I am the new EPA community involvement coordinator for the Upper Animas River Basin. I was wondering if you might forward the information below about two upcoming events regarding the Animas River to the members of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. We believe they will be of interest to the local business community.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Cynthia Peterson

An Open House Availability Session regarding water quality and related issues in the Upper Animas River Watershed will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014**, from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** at the **Silverton Town Hall, 1360 Green St., Silverton, Colo.**

Rob Runkel, a U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist, will provide information about the current results of the One-Dimensional Transport with Equilibrium Chemistry (OTEQ) Model, which is being used by federal and state agencies to characterize the fate and transport of selected contaminants in the Animas River and its tributaries.

In addition, representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will be available to talk one-on-one about their recent sampling events and planned activities in the Upper Animas River Watershed. Representatives from the Animas River Stakeholders Group also will be available to answer questions related to their projects and planned activities.

This will be an informal discussion and participants can drop in any time during the session. Refreshments will be served.

In addition, EPA has been invited to make a short presentation to the La Plata Board of County Commissioners on **Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Anasazi Room, La Plata County Courthouse, 1060 E. 2nd Avenue, Durango, Colo.** The commission has asked for an overview of what EPA knows about water quality in the Animas River, current source control efforts and the long-term investigation/remediation process.

For more information, contact Cynthia Peterson, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, (toll free) 1-800-227-8917, ext. 312-6879 or [Peterson.cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.cynthia@epa.gov).

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